

The First Presbyterian Church Delhi, New York

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

"...not that we loved God but that he loved us..." 1 John 4:10

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Prelude

Welcome and Church Life Notes

Introit

"You Are My All in All"

*Call to Worship (*Psalm 22*)

Leader: From thee comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord!
May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

Unison: For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.

*Hymn

"O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"

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Prayer of Confession

You loved us from our beginning. Even before we could know who you were, you loved us. You loved us when we were a delight. You loved us when we were mean. You loved us when we were lonely. You loved us in our mother's lap. Yet many of us have lived through times we felt unloved. As you know, our feelings and our thoughts sometimes wander off in different directions. And there is anxiety about things we cannot control or even foresee. Trust is difficult for us in those moments. But you love us anyhow. And there is shame. If the devil plays with our minds when we are anxious—well, it is easily as difficult when we feel shame. So help us to trust your truth when we need to manage the falsehood within. You offer us a simple path to joy. May we embrace your way daily. We are so grateful for your extravagant love. In Christ's Name, Amen.

(A moment for silent personal prayer of confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Choral Response

"Gloria Patri"

#581

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.*

*Sharing the Peace

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Anthem

"On Eagle's Wings"

arr. by Wagner

Prayer for Illumination

Your love is astonishing. Sometimes it is so bright we can hardly look at it. So as we consider how extravagantly you love us, help us to look boldly at the reality of it. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Acts of the Apostles – Acts 8:26-40

But an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert road. And he rose and went. And behold, an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a minister of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of all her treasure, had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "How can I, unless some one guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this: "As a sheep led to the slaughter or a lamb before its shearer is dumb, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken up from the earth."

And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, pray, does the prophet say this, about himself or about some one else?" Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this scripture he told him the good news of Jesus. And as they went along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What is to prevent my being baptized?" And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught up Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus, and passing on he preached the gospel to all the towns till he came to Caesarea.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn**

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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Message Reading – 1 John 4:7-12

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Leader: God's Word for Today.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Better Life, Extravagant Love"

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Presentation of Gifts & Offerings

Call to the Offering

Offerings may be made online at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering/> or by USPS mail service.

Offertory

***Choral Response**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*Prayer of Dedication

Your love is so huge that we can scarcely grasp it. It changes us so we do the same for others that you have done for us. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

... "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors"

*Closing Hymn

"There is a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

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*Charge to the Congregation

*Benediction

Postlude

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Thought for the Day: *"We must remember that the shortest distance between our problems and their solutions is the distance between our knees and the floor."*—Charles Stanley

Leading us in worship this morning:

Pastor Jamie Tyrrell, Interim
Billy Meredith, Music Director
Linda Malcolm, Liturgist

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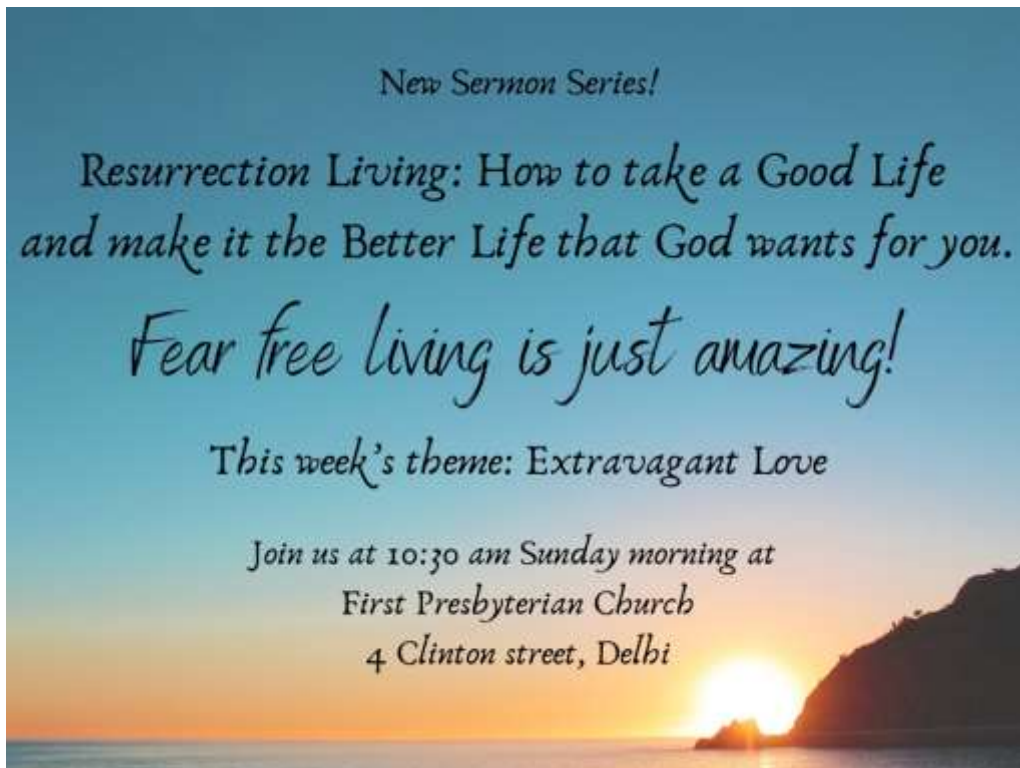
New Sermon Series!

*Resurrection Living: How to take a Good Life
and make it the Better Life that God wants for you.*

Fear free living is just amazing!

This week's theme: Extravagant Love

*Join us at 10:30 am Sunday morning at
First Presbyterian Church
4 Clinton street, Delhi*





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Jesus said, "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." Part of discipleship is worship, which strengthens us to bear the fruit of love. Welcome.

(Prayer) We lay our joys and cares before you, Holy Spirit, that you might prepare our hearts for worship.

Your **tithes and offerings** may be made online via PayPal, click the donate button at <https://fpcdelhi.org/offering>, or by regular USPS mail (4 Clinton Street, Delhi, NY 13753).

Our **mission focus for April** is preparing and shipping CWS Personal Care Kits. The kits have already been prepared, but you can help by donating toward the cost of shipping the kits by using the Mission envelopes or writing "CWS kits" on the memo line of your check.

The Delhi Clergy Association is donating \$1,000 to the **Food Bank** to help cover the growing need locally. Please consider stepping up your support for the Food Bank, especially on Bountiful Giving Sundays like today! Cash as well as food is always helpful.

The Ministerial Association also gave \$1000 to **Delaware County Citizens for Refugee Support**. They are working with Boris and Maira, two anti-war activists who fled Putin's Russia after their leader, a minority candidate running for Premier was killed. They also are supporting to first year nursing students at SUNY Delhi who fled the civil war in Somalia. You may know Dan Gashler, Ester Lee, Mina Takahashi or Sangeata Pratap the founding organizers of the group. Good and generous people are doing good things all around us and you are a part of all that is going on!

We are now streaming our services only on our YouTube channel. A link to the YouTube livestream will be sent out with the bulletin each week by email. If you subscribe to the church's YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/@firstpresbyterianchurchofdelhi>) you will be able to access the services at any point by going to the "Live" tab. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Darcy in the office.

May 5 is "Wear a Hat to Church Sunday," and if you would like—it is the day after the Kentucky Derby, at which it is customary to decorate your hat with a spring/horse theme. So dress your hats up! If you need a hat, try the Kirk!

Today is a BOUNTIFUL GIVING SUNDAY. The Delhi Food Pantry accepts **non-perishable food items**. You can also donate via <https://fpcdelhi.org/content/offering> or give cash or check donations designated for the food bank. Please make checks out to First Presbyterian Church.

The **TRUSTEES** responsible for counting today are Tom Little and Kathy Beveridge. The Trustees responsible for counting on May 5 are Ed Goff and Kevin Lee.

Devotional booklets (Upper Room and Daily Bread) are available outside the office and in the new narthex. Please take one for your daily devotions!

THOUGHTS ON GIVING "*Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.*" -1 John 3:18. Regarding our faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant in worship? Are you joyful when participating in ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your Church? If not, it's not too late to start!

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER: That our daily actions reflect our goal of good discipleship.

The **Per Capita** amount for 2024 has been set at \$45.90 per member.

<i>Virtual and Sanctuary Attendance Sunday 4-21-2024</i>	51 - 47 in sanctuary + approx. 4 virtual
General amount needed each week	\$1,759.08*
General amount given week of 4-21-2024	\$4,016.45
General amount needed year-to-date	\$28,145.28
General amount given YTD as of 4-21-2024	\$30,527.35
Fuel Fund needed each week	\$336.54
Fuel Fund given week of 4-21-2024	\$0.00
Fuel Fund needed year-to-date	\$5,384.64
Fuel Fund given YTD as of 4-21-2024	\$911.00
Kirk Receipts 4-14-24 to 4-20-24	\$1,555.20
Mission giving week of 4-21-2024	\$25.00
Mission giving YTD as of 4-21-2024	\$561.00
Apportionment Needed 2024	\$6,930.90
Apportionment received YTD as of 4-21-2024	\$1,280.10

*General amount needed each week is total expenses minus budgeted savings transfers and fuel expenses.

SUNDAY April 28	<i>Bountiful Giving Sunday</i> 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship
MONDAY April 29	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day 3:00 pm Girl Scouts
TUESDAY April 30	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations
WEDNESDAY May 1	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 10:30 am Gentle Yoga (Chapel) 5:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
THURSDAY May 2	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am Kirk Work Day
FRIDAY May 3	8:00 am – 12:00 pm Little Inspirations 9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 10:30 am Adult Ballet Class
SATURDAY May 4	9:00 am – 2:00 pm Kirk Thrift Shoppe Open 9:30 am Yoga
SUNDAY May 5	9:30 am Deacons Meeting 9:45 am Sunday School 9:45 am Choir Rehearsal 10:30 am Worship with Communion